

Committee Members:

I am writing to state my opposition to the naming of wolves in Michigan as game animals. I am a resident of the Upper Peninsula and have seen just one wolf in the years we have lived here. What a thrill! Mr. Casperson's statement that Michigan residents live in fear of the wolf is just a gross exaggeration!

The wolf has just come off the endangered list - how can the legislature even be talking about making the wolf a game animal, leading to hunting them. If there are problem wolves, there is a plan in effect to deal with them. That is enough. The random killing of wolves is not going to have any effect on problem wolves, and would be just indiscriminate killing for the sake of killing.

You have heard the arguments against this bill, and there are many more than I have addressed here and from far more knowledgeable people. Please listen! A few people are making this their mission to get wolves on the game animal list. It is not the majority of residents who feel this way.

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